

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 27th March 2022

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you' – so said the prodigal son whose story we hear in today's Gospel. At the start of this Eucharist we are invited to call to mind our sins, and place our lives in the presence of our loving Father.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day while the Gospel celebrates fathers and sons.

First Reading

The Jewish people celebrate the Passover after years of wandering.

Second Reading

Saint Paul reminds us that we are a new Creation.

Gospel

The story of the Prodigal Son and his loving father.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 2nd April 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 3rd April 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 30th March 10:00 am
Friday 1st April No Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Recent Deaths

Micéal Kavanagh, New Ross
Mary King, Camplie
Thomas Rellis, Tinneranny, Rosbercon

Anniversaires

Jim Phelan, Listerlin—Months Mind
O'Leary Family, Garranbehy
Saunders Family, Garranebhy
Bridie and Bobby Richardson, Assumption Terrace
Peggy Irwin, Assumption Terrace
Joe Lawlor, School House Road
Johnny Furlong, Brownstown
Noel and Cissie Furlong, Brownstown

This weekend we celebrate **Mother's Day**. We wish all mothers a joyful and wonderful day.

Congratulations to all the children who **Celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church today**.

We are all looking forward to the **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. David's Church, Mullinarrigle next Saturday, 2nd April, 2022 at 11:00 am**. In preparation for Confirmation, we have the **Ceremony of Light** in Listerlin Church for Parents, Children and Sponsors on **Tuesday 29th March at 7:30 pm**.

A Message from Fr. Dan: A Blessing for Mother's Day: God of love, listen to our prayer for Mothers' Day. We celebrate all mothers and grandmothers on this day. We remember the great mothers of salvation history: Sarah, mother of Isaac; Rebecca, mother of Jacob; Ruth, mother of King David; Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, and especially Mary, Mother of Jesus whom we call Christ.

Bless all mothers with strength of spirit, and with love and laughter in the company of family and friends. Grant them happiness and joy at home. Help us to remember how our mothers helped us to stand and walk; to speak, to sing, and to pray. Bless the mothers who have gone before us into eternity. May they enjoy the vision of God in heaven.

We ask that this blessing and all graces may descend upon mothers and grandmothers: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

The Synodal Journey in Ossory: Rosbercon parishioners are invited to a meeting in Rosbercon Parish Hall on Monday 28th March at 7:30 pm. The entire Catholic Church across the world is in the midst of a Synod, which simply means '**Walking Together**'. The people of God are prayerfully listening together to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church today.

Every member of the Church is invited to take part, and to share their thoughts, to help us plan for the future. Please join us on Monday 28th March in the Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. Pope Francis and all of us want to hear what you have to say. See list of Venues for all meetings in the diocese on the Notice Boards of the Churches of the Parish.

To Make you smile: Some modern thoughts on the parable of the Good Samaritan; The Levite could not stop because he was on his way to a Conference on Caring. The priest was worrying about the man who had committed the assault: 'He needs to be understood and welcomed back into the community'. The Samaritan was in breach of Health and Safety Regulations by lifting the man, unaided, on to his donkey!

Wisdom: "Love is like a violin. The music may stop now and then, but the strings remain forever".

Humour: What happens to boys who fail to get to university? –In later life they tend to offer employment to those who did!

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 2nd/3rd April 2022

Rosbercon: Sunday 3rd April at 11:00 am
Martin Nolan, Shanbogh
Moses Murphy, Assumption Terrace

Collection of Parish Funds 12th/13th March & 19th/20th March 2022

Offertory Collection € 1,425.00
Weekly Envelopes € 1,385.00
Parish Debt on 24th March 2022 € 35,101.23

Church Collection for Ukraine: A Nationwide Church Collection for the people of Ukraine will be taken up at all Masses this weekend of Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March 2022. This collection will be used to provide food, transport and shelter for all those fleeing from the war in the Ukraine. Please be generous.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Fr. Dan will hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses.

Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes together with Trocaire Boxes will be distributed to the homes of the Parish this week. The usual distributors are asked to oblige.

Trócaire works for a just and peaceful world where;

- People's dignity is ensured and rights are respected
- Where basic needs are met and resources are shared equitably.
- Where people have control over their own lives.
- Where those in power act for the common good.
- Trócaire supports people regardless of culture, gender or religion.

Trócaire boxes will be delivered to the homes of the parish. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

Prayer for Our Parish in Lent

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon our parish in this Season of Lent. Make us aware of your presence in our lives. Open our hearts to receive your word. Help us to follow in your path of love. Bless all our homes and our families, especially those families that are experiencing difficulties and finding life tough. Bless the young people, the old, those who are ill, the poor and the unemployed. Bless those who are in sorrow at the loss of a loved one, and those who feel that they have lost their way. May your love be with us at all times. Let us see your face, know your heart, and experience your love. Strengthen in us the precious gift of faith. We believe, Lord, help our unbelief.

Amen

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person is Ms Kathleen Sherry 085-8021633 dlp@ossory.ie and the **Assistant Designated Liaison Person** is Mr. Cathal Cullen 087-1000232 ddlp@ossory.ie or Ms. Rose Brophy 087-3314330 ddlp@ossory.ie Should you be concerned that a child / young person may be at risk of abuse within a Church-run organisation or group, you are encouraged to report your concern to Kathleen, Cathal or Rose.

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker, Millbanks Close and Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne. Please note Safeguarding Statements are displayed in the porches of the Churches of the Parish.

Reflection: Sheep and Lambs

All in the April evening, April airs were abroad;
The sheep and their little lambs passed me by on the road.
The sheep and their little lambs passed me by on the road;
All in the April evening I thought of the lamb of God
The lambs were weary and crying with a weak, human cry.
I thought of the lamb of God going meekly to die.
Up in the blue, blue mountains dewy pastures are sweet;
Rest for the little bodies, rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb of God, up on the hill-top green,
Only a Cross of shame, two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening, April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs and thought of the Lamb of God.
Katherine Tynan (1859-1931)

◆ ROSBERCON CHAPTER—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We have been informed in recent days to expect a number of Ukrainian refugees to be accommodated in private and local apartments in the general area of New Ross and Rosbercon. To this affect we in our Rosbercon Chapter will be readily available to make those arriving and residing in our Parish both welcome and assisted to the best of our ability. The residents of our Parish have always been very kind in assisting those in times of need. Chapter Committee, Richard McElwee, Mary B Conway, Seamus Waters, Bríd Vereker, Margaret Saunders and Catherine Cottrell—special helpline 087-7140112.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON COMMUNITY ALERT AGM

Tullougher Rosbercon Community Alert AGM will take place on Wednesday 30th March at 8:00 pm in Rosbercon Parish Hall. Face coverings optional but preferred. All very welcome to attend. As always the contact number for reporting suspicious activity is 083-1999585. Please continue to stay safe.

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Tullougher Rosbercon CE Scheme has an opening for a job opportunity in the New Houghton Hospital for a Caretaker/ Groundskeeper. For more information please contact 086-3642592 or via email: rosberconparish@gmail.com

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday April 1st at 10:30 am at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane.

◆ NUTTY SCIENTIST'S POP-UP DAY

We are in New Ross with the first of our Saturday Science Clubs on Saturday April the 23rd. Running from 10-12 noon, we are in Tullougher Rosbercon Parish Hall and Sports Centre, Rosbercon, New Ross. The children will have an amazing time as we have exciting experiments to run and fun to be had. Admission is € 20.00 and suitable for 5-12 year olds and children of all abilities.

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